

San Diego DX Club Bulletin

April/May 2020



**MEETING PROGRAMS:
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE:

**MAY 27, 2020
ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

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From the Prez . . .

Ron, N6XT



Covid-19, invisible enemies and global pandemics won't get us down! In the midst of the global lock-down (some are calling it a "shut-down" and some countries are calling it a "circuit-breaker"), SDDXC DXers and testers still get together to trade stories and enjoy the fellowship of kindred spirits. Except we aren't doing it in person; we're locked down, wearing our masks, washing our hands, applying hand sanitizer liberally and meeting electronically. This is what we did last month and what we can do until the "all clear" is sounded (soon, I hope).

Sorry I couldn't enjoy everyone's company "in the flesh", but **Zoom** software and good internet connections let us enjoy each other's company in cyberspace. A second choice for sure, but even the most intrepid DXers and testers have to bend to the worst pandemic in the last 100 years.

BUT meeting in cyberspace worked and it worked well. So well that we'll do it again on **Wednesday, May 27th**. Stand by for a special meeting notice that will contain the login information.

See you then and until we get together again, please stay well.

73,

Ron, N6XT

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS



Meeting Minutes April 29, 2020

Our April meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing application. This meeting was held one week later than our normal 4th Wednesday of the month date. Future Zoom meetings will be held at 6:30 P.M. on the 4th Wednesday until in-person meetings can resume.

At 6:30 P.M. Ron Rosson, N6XT called the meeting to order. 30 members participated in this meeting. The consensus was that things ran smoothly. It was nice to catch up with each other.

After Ron's announcements we held a roundtable.

The next meeting will be held on May 27th at 6:30 P.M.

At 7:45 P.M. The meeting was adjourned.

A recording of this meeting was made. Use the link below, and when prompted for a password enter **9h@T668t**:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/25FtJr_V-lhOabPvz0_wd-1-P9imT6a81Hlc-vsNykcqfwkkyrDnrOXsztGX_Cjw

Treasurer's Report

Income for March and April: \$60.00 membership dues

Expenses for March and April: \$25 for Calif - Corporation Statement of Information, \$14.99 Zoom Pro, \$200 club liability insurance from ARRL

Balance on 5/2/2020 \$5,546.52

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM

2019 CQ WORLDWIDE PHONE DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
M2 - HP	ZF1A (N6MJ K6JO	12,759,663	9,628	623	#1 NA, #3 WORLD
SO - HP	NO6T @WA6TQT	2,184,660	2,038	458	#1 W6, #4 US, 1000
SO - HP	K6NA	428,497	515	213	#3 W6, #6 ZONE 3
M2- HP	NX6T (OPS N6KI	340,725	588	175	#1 W6, #2 ZONE 3
SA - HP	WN6K	217,600	339	255	#2 W6, #9 ZONE 3
SO - HP	W6JBR	48,880	146	130	



John, K6AM

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 30 METERS

4/20 4/18 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	K6AM	40	319	326	328	-
2.	3.	W6YI	39	288	290	319	+4
3.	2.	K6XT	40	312	316	316	-9
4.	4.	N7CW	40	289	289	311	-
5.	5.	K6ZH	39	260	265	282	-
6.	6.	N6CW	37	?	215	275	-
7.	7.	K0XB	40	266	268	271	+5
8.	8.	WN6K	37	204	206	253	-
9.	-.	N0RR	?	223	235	239	NEW
10.	10.	WB6BFG	37	214	214	233	

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 15 METERS

4/20 4/18 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	K6AM	40	336	346	346	-
2.	2.	N6CW	40	?	331	342	-
3.	3.	W6YI	40	331	340	341	-
4.	4.	K6XT	40	319	331	331	-10
5.	5.	K0XB	40	322	329	330	-
6.	6.	N7CW	40	319	319	327	-
7.	7.	K6ZH	40	309	315	323	-
8.	9.	WN6K	40	285	294	316	+1
9.	10.	NA6L	40	298	298	301	-
10.	-.	WB6BFG	40	285	285	291	NEW

Once again not much action here at just past the low point in the cycle other than a couple of score corrections and updates. We're still under a yellow flag as all drivers hold their positions on the track while we wait for the propagation to return. 30 meters continues to be productive with some good openings worldwide but 15 is down for the count.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, the other WARC bands, 160 and digital modes. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the next physical meeting.

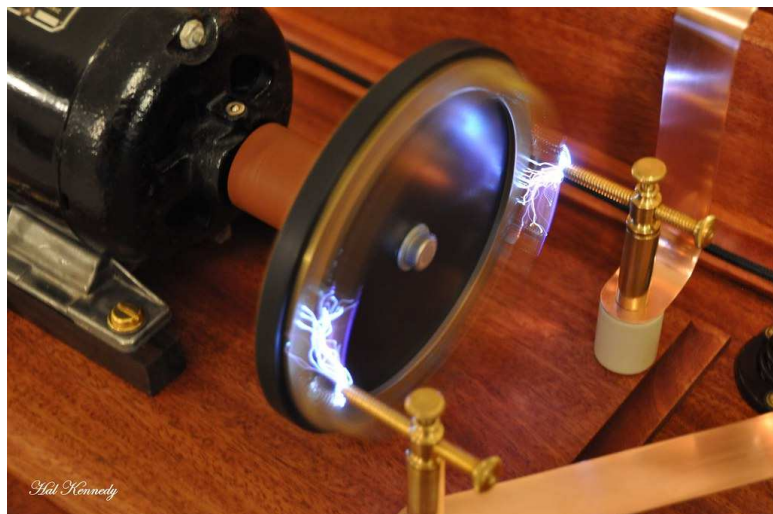
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From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



From Spark Gaps to Zoom



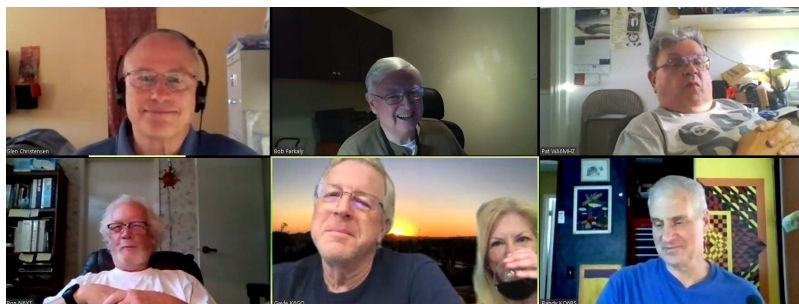
From 1918 to 1920, the world suffered through an earlier pandemic. Called (correctly or incorrectly) the Spanish Flu, it infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time. In the United States, estimates of 1918 flu infections range from 20 to 40 million people. 675,000 died.

So far (through May 8, there have been 4 million confirmed infections and 277,000 deaths worldwide from the Covid-19 virus with 1.3 million confirmed cases and 78,000 deaths in the United States. 62,500 of the cases are in California accounting for 2,585

fatalities. What was tragic in 1918–1920 is tragic today. Unfortunately, in 2020 this tragedy strikes closer to home.

Our health professionals have prescribed a number of actions we can take to mitigate the effects of this virus. Among them are: washing your hands thoroughly using soap and hot water; using hand sanitizer; keeping your hands away from your face; wearing a mask; avoiding groups and practicing “social distancing”.

Today, we can hold SDDXC Club meetings while maintaining social distancing via Zoom software and the internet. We tried it and it worked. Hams in 1918–1920 had no such option. The picture to the right is a screenshot of our “practice” Zoom meeting. The screenshot of the “real” virtual meeting is on the cover. We’ll do it again on **Wednesday, May 27th**.



To repeat what we’ve now heard endlessly, wear your mask, keep your social distance, use Zoom for meetings, wash your hands thoroughly, use hand sanitizer and, above all, stay healthy.

My very 73 to all.

Bob, K9RHY